

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**

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~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Cyprus

a. The temperature is rising on the island as a result of some of the most serious clashes since the cease-fire was arranged last December.

b. Much of the trouble is in outlying areas where Turkish Cypriots, gripped by stark fear of the Greek Cypriots surrounding them, continue to group together in more preponderantly Turkish populated sectors.

c. The Greek Cypriots see this movement as an effort to achieve de facto partition. They feel it must be stopped. Hence the harassment.

d. Passions in Turkey are being inflamed by lurid dispatches telling of the plight of the Cypriot Turks.

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f. A Greek Cypriot cabinet member has told us that his government is now drafting a resolution to be presented to the Security Council. It will call on all parties to abstain from aggressive action while the composition of a peace-keeping force is discussed.

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g. The Greeks are agreed with Under Secretary Ball that it would be a bad idea for Makarios to go to the UN before the composition of a peacekeeping force was decided.

h. They say they have so advised Makarios and have his agreement to do nothing until after Sunday's elections in Greece.

## 2. France-China

a. The French, as they said they would, provoked a break in relations with Taipei.

b. They told the Nationalists that the arrival in Paris of Peiping's charge would mean Taipei's representation in France had "lost its raison d'etre" as the new charge would be treated as the representative of the government of China.

c. Peiping has clearly insisted that the break with Taipei be accomplished before relations were established, and France has just as clearly given in.

d. The French made it plain they do not consider the Nationalists to represent anybody.

e. Taipei's communiqué on the break states that France's decision to exchange charges d'affaires with Peiping "damaged beyond repair the existing relations between the Republic of China and France."

f. Taipei says it finds such action "no longer tolerable and has therefore decided to cease diplomatic relations with the French Government as of 10 February 1964."

### 3. South Vietnam

a. The Viet Cong continued on the offensive through the weekend and into yesterday, not only with major attacks against two district capitals at opposite ends of the country, but with widespread terrorist bombings and sabotage elsewhere.

b. The Viet Cong will probably use the unilateral cease-fire which they set for the lunar new year's holiday (11-17 Feb.) to re-equip and get set for further onslaughts.

c. Indications are that the northern provinces may then get the worst of it as a result of improved Communist logistic capabilities in south-central Laos.

### 4. Cuba-US

a. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the possibility of military preparedness measures in Oriente Province.

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5. Maphilindo  
Talks

a. The three-way ministerial talks in Bangkok adjourned yesterday with Indonesia still refusing to pull its guerrillas out of Malaysian territory.

b. Sukarno has told Ambassador Jones they will stay where they are until the whole Indonesian-Malaysian problem is resolved.

c. The ministers did agree to continue the cease-fire and to meet again, probably later this month.

d. Meanwhile, Malaysia's Tunku Rahman is in Phnom Penh for talks with Macapagal, who afterward will go to Djakarta for talks with Sukarno.

e. The Indonesians are hot after a plebiscite or some other means to ascertain desire of the people of North Borneo to adhere to Malaysia. They will be bargaining hard to get it.

6. Cuba-USSR

a. [ ] Soviet ship to bring arms to Cuba this year [ ]

b. It apparently is carrying some MIG-15s and a couple of MIG-21s in crates on deck.

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7. Israel -  
Arab States

a. The Israelis are reported ready to begin testing at least one of three pumps they will use to divert Jordan River water from Lake Tiberias.

b. When they do, the Arabs will be faced for the first time with actual diversion of water rather than with the preliminary construction that has gone on so far.

c. We have had no indication of extraordinary activity on the Syrian side so far, although the Israelis say Syria attempted to shoot down one of their aircraft over Israeli territory yesterday.

8. Iraq-Kurds

a. Baghdad radio is saying President Arif and Iraqi insurgent leader Barzani have come to an agreement by which the Kurds will stop fighting and the government will recognize Kurdish rights "within the unity of the Iraqi people."

b. Evidently this means some form of autonomy, but we are not sure yet just what.

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c. Nor are we sure that this deal, if it is anything at all, will prove any more lasting than earlier ones.

d. For one thing, Barzani has been at odds with some of the more radical Kurdish political leaders.

e. He probably could not keep them in line if the agreement, as seems likely, falls short of their demands. They may well suspect the government is only buying time.

9. Vatican-Czechoslovakia

a. The Vatican and Czechoslovakia have worked out an agreement on Church-state relations according to which Archbishop Beran, (imprisoned for 14 years until last fall for refusing to sign an oath of allegiance) will be coming to Rome in early March.

b. Beran may be elevated to Cardinal, and might remain in Rome, although he will still be Primate of Czechoslovakia.

c. Prague, according to a press release from Vatican City, will grant liberty for Vatican-appointed Bishops to exercise jurisdiction in their dioceses, but there seems to be some understanding that the Vatican will not "insist" that previously imprisoned Bishops (originally there were ten) return to their dioceses.



**10. Arab Rap-  
proachment**

a. King Husayn announced yesterday, according to the press, that he will soon extend recognition to the Yemen Republic government.

b. This is an important step in the building of closer relations between Jordan and Egypt which grew out of last month's Arab summit meeting.

c. Ben Bella, meanwhile, is saying from Algiers that his intermediaries have "solved" all the problems between Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

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NOTES

- A. Berlin The West Berlin Senat has decided to let the East Germans reopen and staff pass-issuing offices in West Berlin for three weeks next month. They will process applications for weekend visits in East Berlin during Easter (29 March) and Whitsunday (17 May). Erhard has yet to approve, and probably will.


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- C. Nordic nuclear free zone Finnish officials think Khrushchev, during his round of Scandanavian capitals in June, will push hard for Kekkonen's Nordic nuclear-free zone proposal. They are not happy at the prospect, according to what the foreign minister told departing Ambassador Rowan, as they feel the proposal should not be taken seriously.